CLAIMS

- 1. A playback device for playing back a digital stream and an application which are recorded on a recording medium, in conjunction with each other, comprising:
- a playback unit operable to play back the digital stream; and
- a platform unit operable to execute the application to perform playback control, wherein
- the playback unit has a plurality of real parameters used for the playback control, the plurality of real parameters being specific to the playback device,

the platform unit includes:

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- an execution unit operable to interpret and execute the application; and
 - a module unit having a function to be provided to the application, and operable to perform the playback control, and

the playback control causes, via the function, the playback unit to play back the digital stream based on one of the plurality of real parameters.

2. The playback device of Claim 1, wherein

the function to be provided to the application is a function of supplying special playback information to the application in response to a call from the application in execution, the special playback information showing a correspondence between a plurality of user events and the plurality of real parameters,

the playback control of the module unit responds to a

function call from the application, and the special playback information is used for the function

5 3. The playback device of Claim 2, wherein each of the plurality of user events shows a type of a

each of the plurality of real parameters shows a playback rate multiplication factor.

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button pushed by a user, and

4. The playback device of Claim 3, wherein each of the plurality of user events further shows a pushing count of the button, and

the special playback information shows a user event including a higher pushing count in correspondence with a real parameter showing a higher multiplication factor.

5. The playback device of Claim 1, wherein

the function to be provided to the application is a function
of expanding a variable that corresponds to a playback rate,
received from the application in execution, into one of the
plurality of real parameters that corresponds to the playback
rate, and

the module unit has the playback unit play back the digital stream based on the expanded real parameter.

6. The playback device of Claim 1, wherein the function to be provided to the application is a function of supplying array data listing the plurality of real parameters to the application, in response to a call from the application in execution.

- 5 7. The playback device of Claim 1, wherein the execution unit controls rendering of graphics by interpreting and executing the application.
 - 8. The playback device of Claim 7, wherein
- the function to be provided to the application is a function of supplying special playback information to the application in response to a call from the application, the special playback information showing a correspondence between a plurality of user events and the plurality of real parameters specific to the playback device,

the module unit performs the playback control in response to a function call from the application using the special playback information, and

the application controls the rendering of the graphics

20 based on the special playback information acquired via the function.

- 9. The playback device of Claim 7, wherein
- the function to be provided to the application is a function
 of expanding a variable that corresponds to a playback rate,
 received from the application, into one of the plurality of real
 parameters that corresponds to the playback rate, and supplying
 the expanded real parameter to the application,

the module unit performs the playback control based on the expanded real parameter, and

the application controls the rendering of the graphics based on the expanded real parameter.

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- 10. A program for having a computer play back a digital stream and an application which are recorded on a recording medium, in conjunction with each other, comprising:
- a playback program operable to play back the digital stream; and
 - a platform program operable to execute the application to perform playback control, wherein

the playback program has a plurality of real parameters used for the playback control, the plurality of real parameters being specific to the computer,

the platform program has a function to be provided to the application, and operable to perform the playback control, and

the playback control causes, via the function, the playback program to play back the digital stream based on one of the plurality of real parameters.